

DEMAND THAT KEENE ACCOUNT

ONE OF THE HOCKING FIRMS COLLECTING SIGNATURES.

Text of Pool Agreement—Stock Exchange Inquiring How It Compares With the Rules on Washed Sales and Just Principles of Trade—Carload of Exhibits.

On behalf of one of the firms which failed in the collapse of the Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron pool proceedings were begun yesterday to bring James R. Keene to an account of his stewardship. According to the terms of the pool agreement 60 per cent. of the pool members had the right at any time to secure an accounting of profits and losses from the pool manager, Mr. Keene. The representative of the firm that is insisting upon an accounting set out yesterday to secure the requisite 60 per cent. of the members to a formal demand upon Mr. Keene for an accounting. Unless the demand was complied with, the representative said, an action would be brought against Mr. Keene in the courts.

Several of the pool members have already signed the application, and it is expected that holders of the required quota of stock will be secured in time for the demand to be served on Mr. Keene to-day. The firm that instituted the proceeding does not expect to secure the cooperation of the firms which repudiated purchases of Hocking on the day of the collapse. But in addition to the three suspended firms there were in the pool a number of small firms which paid their losses and did not suspend. The cooperation of these firms was considered certain.

A representative of one of the interested firms said that none of them made any charges against Mr. Keene. Contrary to published report, no member of the pool—Mr. Criss is not a member—accused Mr. Keene of juggling with the pool holdings, with leading the selling on the day of the crash or otherwise manipulating the market to the disadvantage of his employers. No accusation whatever was brought. But the members of the pool insist on an accounting of every share of stock bought or sold for the account of the pool from the beginning to the end.

The pool agreement under which the demand upon Mr. Keene is threatened was substantially a renewal of an agreement made on March 1, 1909, and expiring September 1, 1909. The original agreement, as presented to subscribers in blank, was as follows:

The undersigned, being desirous of purchasing at least 20,000 shares of the common stock of the Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron Company, do hereby agree to purchase the same or so much thereof as in the opinion of the hereafter appointed managers may be deemed advisable in the proportions set opposite the respective names of the said subscribers, and we hereby appoint —, our agent and manager, to make such purchases at such time or times before the first day of September, 1909, unless sooner dissolved by the majority of the stock subscribed, in such manner and amount and at such prices as in his judgment shall be to our mutual advantage.

Each one signing this agreement to pay on demand for so much of said purchase as his subscription (as near as may be practicable) bears to the whole amount subscribed, as such agent or manager may require. Also to return the same amount of certificates or part thereof at any time when called for, at any time before the first day of September, 1909, on receiving from the manager the amount paid therefor, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum. We further agree on any call from said manager to deliver to the said manager the same certificates theretofore delivered to us by him.

Further, we hereby authorize the said agent and manager to sell at his discretion the whole or any part of the certificates purchased and again buy, so buying and selling at his discretion. It is further agreed that any profits or losses incurred through the purchase and sale of said certificates shall be divided in proportion to the amount subscribed for by each one signing this agreement. No one signing this agreement shall have the right to call for statement of accounts growing out of transactions herein authorized except on the request in writing of 60 per cent. in amount of certificates subscribed.

We hereby agree to reimburse the said agent and manager for any commissions paid by him to such brokers as he may deem advisable to employ in the execution of the herein authorized purchases and sales and such other expenses as he may incur and which may seem to him for the best interests of all parties to this agreement.

This agreement is not to be binding on the undersigned until certificates for 20,000 shares are subscribed and thereupon this agreement shall become operative. Subscriptions beyond this amount may be received by the agent and manager up to 20,000 shares.

The original hereof shall be signed by the manager. Counterparts hereof may be signed by subscribers and all shall be taken together and deemed to be one original instrument, and upon the agreement becoming operative the manager shall notify the subscribers.

In witness whereof the parties have signed this agreement as of March 1, 1909. This pool agreement was signed by five firms. On its expiration two of the participants dropped out, but the other three continued the agreement and also formed a new pool on substantially the same terms. There were thus in existence at the time of the collapse two pools holding together between 40,000 and 60,000 shares of stock.

Six firms originally joined the second pool. Every one of these six participants had the right to sublet his share of the pond and riparian rights and other titles to ownership thus became widely divided. Up to the present none of the lawyers knows just how many firms had participated at the time the bottom fell out. Every assignee of an interest had a right to assign to some one else, and the business got all tangled up long before the last day.

Louis H. Moos, attorney for J. M. Fiske & Co., refused to discuss the case in detail yesterday on the ground that responsibility for the disputed contracts had not been finally determined by the Stock Exchange authorities. H. D. Hotchkiss, receiver for Lathrop, Hastings & Co., also said that the government might still hold the repudiating firms liable for many of the contracts made by Mr. Criss. Until this matter was settled, he said, he could not of course determine the

liability of the firm or appraise the chance of resumption.

The representative of another interested firm said that if Mr. Keene denied, as reported, interest in the pool, the firm would show letters from Mr. Keene in which he gave them instruction concerning their business in the pool's operations. The Stock Exchange authorities continuing their investigation of the scandal yesterday examined the suspended specialist, Hugh F. Criss, at great length. One of the important points in the investigation is the bearing of the pool agreement upon the Stock Exchange rules prohibiting washed sales or fictitious transactions and upon the prohibition of offenses against "just and equitable principles of trade." Infraction of either of these rules may be visited with expulsion. In Stock Exchange offices ordinarily very well informed it was said that there was a fair chance of several seats being offered for sale when the verdict is declared.

A carload of employees and officers of the Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron Company arrived here yesterday from the company's headquarters at Columbus, Ohio. They brought with them books and affidavits designed to show that the money raised for the completion of the brick works had been really spent on the brick works, that money had really been spent in exploration for gas and oil and that the company owned all the property it has claimed to own. The prime object of the mission was declared to be to reassure investors and banks.

GOOD RETURNS FROM BEGGING.

Woman Property Owner in Roselle Through Years of Mendicant Life.

Mrs. Anna Rubin lives in Roselle, N. J., where she owns her home and one other house which she rents out. This property she acquired by begging. Every day for a number of years Mrs. Rubin, dressed in clothes which were frayed and woefully seedy, looking like a specimen of the most abject poverty, has come into the city to beg.

She did not take her stand on Fifth avenue, Broadway or any of the good ones. Instead she went always Grand street near the Bowery, where she drew the sympathy of persons who were not much more prosperous looking than herself.

Mrs. Rubin has seven children. Frequently she took some of them with her on her begging tour. She collected two or three, and sometimes as many as four, dollars a day.

When arrested yesterday at noon she said she had made \$1.50 in a little more than two hours. She was arrested by Policeman Haynes on complaint of Mrs. Cecilia Jossom of 221 East Sixty-first street, who told Magistrate Steiner in the Essex Market court that three times she had passed Mrs. Rubin in the street and had volunteered to help her. Twice the woman gave her a fake address, so she decided to have her arrested the next time she met her.

Mrs. Rubin told Magistrate Steiner about the houses in Roselle, and she said she had two a good amount of personal property. She was fined \$10, but rather than pay asked to be locked up.

TIDE AFFECTS ELEVATED ROAD.

Power Reduced Momentarily Because East River Ships Too Much.

You always thought, didn't you, that the East River and the Second avenue elevated railroad had about as much to do with each other as shoestrings and sewing wax? You were wrong. There was a very low tide in the river yesterday afternoon and as a consequence orders were sent out to reduce the speed of all trains along the Second avenue elevated.

From 4:37 P. M. to 5:17 trains stopped running at high speed, although there was no interruption in the service. The extreme end of the ebb tide at that time caused the water in the tunnels of the Interborough powerhouse at Seventy-fourth street and the East River to run very low.

The water is drawn from the river through the tunnels for condensing purposes and it was feared that there would be a lack of power. But at the end of twenty minutes the water began to rise again, officials breathed more freely and the Second avenue elevated trains ran at their usual speed, oblivious of time or tide.

MRS. VANDERBILT LOOKS ON

In Children's Court Again, This Time on a Busy Day.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Sr., with two friends visited the Children's Court again yesterday. On the occasion of her first visit, January 11, the day was dull, few cases being brought up. Yesterday there was a long line of juvenile delinquents waiting, the accumulation of Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

She listened with great interest to the stories told by the little urchins arraigned before Justice Deuel. She seemed to pay particular attention to those cases which clearly showed that the child was "born bad," that is, that he or she was born with a physical disability.

This attention on the part of Mrs. Vanderbilt gave rise to the report that she had in view some means of relieving their situation. She refused to admit that this was so.

"I have nothing of any interest to say," she said. Just before she left Mary Mangria, 15 years old, of 456 Hamilton street, Long Island City, was arraigned on a charge of attempted suicide. Mary wears a large hat and does her hair up in a knot. She feels that when one reaches the age of 15 parental supervision should relax. Her parents had told her she must always be in by 10 o'clock at night, and when she stayed out late the other night she decided that she'd rather take poison than get home late.

A policeman found her nearly unconscious at the corner of Hester and Mott streets, and the next week she has been in the Hudson street hospital.

She was discharged in the custody of her parents, who seemed glad to get her even if she was a week late.

Mark Twain's Health Good Again.

Passengers on the Quebec Ligo steamship Bermudian, which arrived here yesterday from Bermuda, brought word that Mark Twain has recovered his health. They said that Mr. Clemens has donned a white suit again and is taking an active part in the social life of the resort. On board the Bermudian was the body of Col. Joseph Philip Adams, who died in V. Va. Col. Adams died suddenly in Bermuda a few days ago. He was a soldier in the Confederate army and lost an arm in battle.

Adams' Botanic Cough Balsam. Sure cure for coughs, colds or grippe, 10 cts. Ad.

WOMEN GET VAN NORDEN CASH

BANKER REPORTS \$28,000 LOST IN STREET HOLDUP.

Felt His Wallet Safe After He Had Escaped From Two Midnight Artists, but When He Got Home the Money Wasn't in It—Three Prisoners, One a Man.

Warner M. Van Norden, who is a son of Warner Van Norden and is president of the Van Norden Trust Company at 781 Fifth avenue and a deacon in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, was robbed of \$28,000 in bills on East Thirty-third street on Wednesday night of last week. The announcement of the arrest of two women as those suspected of having been guilty of the robbery was made from Headquarters on Sunday, but the identity of the complainant was concealed. The police say that they had another complainant against the same women, one Wetherbee or Wetherpoon, who said he had been robbed of \$1,000 at Forty-second street and Fifth avenue on Tuesday night. They let it appear on Sunday that the women were arrested on that complaint. No such complainant appeared yesterday.

Mr. Van Norden says that he never heard of Wetherbee or Wetherpoon. He went to Police Headquarters yesterday to identify the women, and he appeared against them in Jefferson Market court.

Though one of the women has made a partial admission of the crime charged against her, neither of them has produced the twenty-six \$1,000 and twenty \$100 bills which Van Norden says disappeared from a wallet in the inner pocket of his evening coat after an encounter he had with the two women a few doors east of the corner of Fifth avenue and Thirty-third street about midnight last Wednesday. Mr. Van Norden said yesterday that he had been a victim of a pure holdup and the fact that two women instead of one or more men did the trick did not in the least alter the character of the crime.

He was glad that the highway women had not taken quite all that he had when they waylaid him. The \$28,000 in bills which they did take he happened to have stretched at full length in the long compartment of his wallet. Doubled into a smaller packet were four \$100 bills and a single \$500 bill. The \$800 out of the \$28,000 which Mr. Van Norden has with him when he left the Waldorf to go to his home at 7 West Fifty-seventh street had been overlooked by the women.

"I had been to the theatre with friends last Wednesday night," said Mr. Van Norden in detailing his experiences. "We stopped at the Waldorf and had a little supper, after which I went into the writing room and wrote one or two letters. I started to go home some time about midnight. I went across Fifth avenue and was walking east on Thirty-third street, intending to take a Fourth avenue car. I noticed two women just ahead of me—an old one and a younger one, both rather flashy dressed.

"One of them turned and looked at me and there was a look in her eyes as if she was right about in front of me. I didn't half way up the block—the young one dropped her reticule. I immediately stooped to pick it up. Just as I did so the elder and heavier of the two threw herself on me and I felt her throw back the lapel of my fur coat.

"I rose to a standing position and wrestled myself away from her. The younger woman was standing near by, laughing. 'Don't mind her. She is just a little bit drunk,' she said. Just then the older woman made another dive at me and hit me in the chest. I wrestled with her for a fraction of a minute and freed myself from her.

"I don't remember that I said anything and there was nothing said by the two women except that one remark from the younger one. I walked on toward the car at Fourth avenue. Since I felt my watch and the wallet in my pocket I thought that if an attempt had been made to rob me it had failed. When I got home I looked in my wallet and found that the \$28,000 was gone from the middle pocket."

Mr. Van Norden added in answer to an inquiry that he was not in the habit of carrying so much money around with him in his evening clothes. It just happened, he said, that he had that amount with him on the night he was attacked.

Mr. Van Norden went early on Thursday morning to Police Headquarters and reported the incident to the detective bureau, giving a pretty good description of the two women. Inspector McCafferty believed that he recognized the description of at least one of the women as fitting a well known Chicago pickpocket and he had his suspicions about the other. He sent three detectives to go round up the women. They brought two into Headquarters on Saturday night.

One of them is known variously as May, Annie and Maxie Williams. She gave her address as 219 West Thirty-seventh street and her age as 24. The other, an older and heavier woman, said she was Bessie Roberts of 204 West Ninety-eighth street and that she was 40 years old. She is also known as Kitty Dowdell of Chicago, an expert at purse grabbing.

Both women have a police record, so Headquarters discovered, and their pictures are in the gallery here. Yesterday afternoon two Headquarters detectives arrested Frank Dowdell of 219 West Thirty-fourth street, who said that he was the husband of Bessie Roberts, or Kitty Dowdell, and that he had never known her to do anything wrong since he married her. The detectives seemed to want Dowdell handy, so they locked him up as "suspicious" pending further investigation into the case.

Mr. Van Norden went to Headquarters shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning and recognized the women as the two who had robbed him on Wednesday night. Later he appeared at the Jefferson Market court as complainant against the two, each charged with the robbery of \$28,000. Magistrate Hermann held each in \$30,000 bail for examination on Wednesday.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Bessie Roberts, alias Kitty Dowdell, 35 years old, was arrested in Chicago September 6, 1908, on a charge of working the "badger game." Annie Williams, alias Chicago Margie, 27 years old, was arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., February 21, 1908, on a charge of shoplifting. She was known at that time as Anna Nelson. As Mamie Murphy she had been arrested in New York November 18, 1902, and in Pittsburgh April 14, 1908, each time on a charge of pocket-picking.

GLEN ISLAND BRINGS \$600,000.

Ignatius Roth Buys Old Picnic Property From John H. Starin's Heirs.

Ignatius Roth, an importer of cloths, paid \$600,000 yesterday for Glen Island, formerly a well known amusement resort and at one time the country home of the late John H. Starin. The sellers were Caroline Starin Carroll, Harriet M. Spraker and Gen. Howard Carroll, executors and trustees of the John H. Starin estate.

Glen Island is a rocky islet at the western gateway of Long Island Sound off New Rochelle. It contains about sixty acres of upland and forty-odd acres of salt meadow and land under water. Years ago it was reached by steamboat from New York and by a little ferry from New Rochelle and was much visited by excursion parties. After the Sloum disaster Glen Island and other places of like character lost favor. Glen Island was turned over to a caretaker several years ago.

The sale to Ignatius Roth included not only the island but also the ferry to New Rochelle and a parcel of land in the town of Pelham near the country home of the New York Athletic Club. The price paid for the island alone was \$600,000.

The only things retained by the Starin heirs are the chimneys, the bronze wild boar, the tablet and statue presented to Mr. Starin by his employees and personal effects in the old residence. Mr. Roth therefore acquires the docks and ferries, the museum, the German castle, the big restaurant, the dormitory, the bridges, the menagerie and even the famous clam reservoir under the restaurant, where clams and oysters were kept alive until they were ordered by the diners. The island also has a three-quarter mile racetrack, a bathing beach, refreshment booths and band stands.

Joseph F. Day and Douglas V. Eskell negotiated the sale. Mr. Roth said that he was undecided whether to occupy the place himself or to develop it either as an amusement place or as a suburban home colony.

TO FLY ACROSS THE OCEAN.

Big Airship Being Built for Voyage From Berlin to Vancouver.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—It has now been arranged that the dirigible balloon trip across the Atlantic which is projected by Joseph Brucker will start from here for Tenerife on May 15, 1910. The enterprise will be undertaken by S. L. Schwartz, a New York promoter, and the Ganz Company of Mannheim.

The balloon, which will have Vancouver, B. C., as its objective point, is being constructed at Hamburg. It will be semi-circular, will be of 5,000 cubic feet dimensions and will have two fifty-horse-power motors. It will carry six persons, all of them engineers.

The first stage of the voyage is expected to take four days. The balloon will have the benefit of the trade winds most of the way. Two steamers will accompany the balloon, but they will sail two days ahead of the airship.

FLOOD PERIL EMPTIES TOWN.

People of Austin, Pa., Take to the Hills—600 Foot Dam May Burst.

AUSTIN, Pa., Jan. 24.—Camped in the snow on the hills, the entire population of Austin, between 4,000 and 5,000 persons, is in fear to-night that within a few hours the town will be swept away by the breaking of the great pulp mill dam.

The concrete wall, 55 feet high and 600 feet long, stretches between two hills a mile above the town and holds back a lake a mile and a half long and fifty-five feet deep.

Yielding to the gigantic pressure the dam has bulged from forty to forty-eight inches, and through seams and fissures in the concrete streams have begun to spout. Engineers examined the structure to-day and warned the inhabitants to take to the hills without delay.

They began the exodus from the town. Schools were dismissed and children hurrying home were dragged by their mothers to the higher grounds. Wagons were commandeered to carry out the sick. Merchants closed their stores and the mills were shut up, while the employees hurriedly sought safety.

To-night the few houses in the hills, a school and the hospital are crowded to overflowing with women and children, while the men are camping in the snow.

The town stands behind Freeman Run, a branch of the Sinnemahoning Creek. The dam was built last summer. Behind it the water has been backed up in a narrow lake and the outlet valve at the bottom of the huge structure cannot be worked.

Dynamite was used to-night and a hole 2 feet wide and 5 feet in depth was blown out at one side of the top of the dam. This resulted in a drop of two feet in the depth of the water but the situation is precarious and the residents are momentarily expecting the crash which will tell the doom of the town.

MRS. MACKAY TAKES THE FIELD

In Albany to Conduct the Campaign for Votes for Women.

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Clarence Mackay, representing the State Association of Suffragists, arrived in Albany to-night to begin the campaign for votes for women. Mrs. Mackay has a suite of rooms at the Hotel Ten Eyck, and the campaign is to be carried on from there with vigor.

Mrs. Mackay said to-night that at noon to-morrow she would call on Gov. Hughes, having made the appointment some time ago. The Governor will hear arguments in support of the cause Mrs. Mackay is advocating. Later she will endeavor to arrange with the chairman of the Senate and Assembly Judiciary committees for a joint hearing on the proposed constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote.

Vardaman Again Falls of Election. JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 24.—The twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth ballots for United States Senator to-night brought no change in the strength of the respective candidates. Gov. Vardaman polled 74 on the first ballot of the night and 69 on the second. The other candidates trailed along with their usual votes.

FLORIDA—QUICKER AND HEST NERVE via Pens and Atlantic Coast Line, N. Y. to Florida Special. Leaves 1:25 P. M. Superior railway, equipment and service. 1218 Broadway. Ad.

ARRESTED AS SLAYER OF BOYS

HIGH BRIDGE MURDERER IS H. J. DENNISON, POLICE SAY.

It Was He Too That Shot John Fredericks. They Contend—Once a Stage Magician and Was Brought Here From an Institution for Insane to Be Arrested.

The police arrested yesterday Herbert Jerome Dennison, once a stage magician, who, they say, is unquestionably the man who murdered Robbie Lomas and Arthur Shibley, the six-year-old boys who were in High Bridge Park on January 12. Last night Inspector McCafferty after a long talk with the prisoner at Headquarters said almost every circumstance pointed to the fact that Dennison not only killed the boys but that he also shot John Fredericks at 153d street and Park avenue on the night of January 8.

In the night court Dennison was held last night without bail, charged with murder in the first degree. Inspector McCafferty made the affidavit containing the charge. The examination was in private.

How the police got a line on Dennison McCafferty would not say, but it is known that he was brought to the city from an institution for the insane on Long Island. Dennison was arrested at the Thirty-fourth street ferry late yesterday afternoon.

About the time that Dennison was arrested Detectives McLaughlin and Miceli, who were ordered to make a thorough search for the pistol in High Bridge Park, telephoned Headquarters that they had picked up a weapon not a hundred feet from the spot where the boys were shot. It had been concealed by the heavy snow that fell after the murder.

The pistol, McCafferty says, is one of the strong points in the case, for Dennison, he says, admits that in his stage work he used just such a weapon. It is a .32 calibre Hopkins & Allen revolver with six chambers. In three of the chambers there were exploded shells. The other three held cartridges.

Dennison told the police that he lived at 152 East 128th street and said that he had been there all the time from January 1 to January 13, when he went with his mother to the Long Island institution where the police found him. His mother also said her son had not been out of the house in the two weeks they had a room at the address Dennison gave.

McCafferty said that he had positive information that on the night the two boys were shot Dennison went to an Italian barber shop on Third avenue near 128th street, where his heavy growth of beard was shaved off and his hair was cut. Also he said he learned that Dennison before the murder of the boys wore a black slouch hat such as was described as the one worn by the man who was seen about High Bridge Park by Casey, the foreman of the Speedway.

McCafferty says that the hat was destroyed by the man's mother the day after the shooting, but to the police the woman denied that her son had ever worn such a hat.

When arrested yesterday afternoon Dennison was closely shaved, but the undergrowth of beard was heavy. He wore a short tan overcoat and carried his head a little to the right, just as did the man described by Casey and Arthur Shibley.

Dennison, the police learned, has been an inmate of several institutions for the insane and not long ago was in Bloomingdale. He admitted to McCafferty that he once assaulted a man who had stuck out his tongue at him. That was about twelve years ago and Dennison was taken to the Mercer street station.

Before Dennison was brought to the city detectives went to Long Island with Lawrence Casey, the man who saw a stranger lurking about High Bridge Park. Casey said that he was almost sure Dennison was the man.

On various parts of Dennison's body were found fresh tattoo marks. On his chest there is a big cross done in colors, and near that is a Spanish flag. On his left arm there are two Spanish flags and these words, "Scientist, alchemist, priest, atheist." Dennison told the police that he had the Spanish flag because his mother was of Spanish descent and he hated Americans.

Mrs. Mary Ruddock of 152 East 128th street, where the Dennisons lived between Christmas and New Year's, said that Mrs. Dennison called at her place to see about getting a room. Herbert Dennison remained on the street during the interview. Mrs. Dennison wanted a large room with a double bed for herself and her sister and a small couch for her son, explaining that he was very nervous.

On Thursday, the day after the murder of the boys, Mrs. Dennison took him out after having told Mrs. Ruddock that she was going to have his beard shaved and his hair cut and then see about getting him into some institution. She mentioned one at Amityville.

Early yesterday morning Mrs. Dennison got a telegram, and a few minutes later she and her sister left the house and have not been seen since. She supposed they went to Amityville, but she does not know.

Ameen Shibley, father of one of the boys who was shot as he was coasting in High Bridge Park, was summoned to the District Attorney's office yesterday to explain certain things that had been told by Thomas T. Lomas, whose son was the other victim of the shooting. Mr. Lomas had been quoted as saying that Shibley had feared a conspiracy against himself and his family.

Shibley told Assistant District Attorney Rubin that he attributed the murders to a woman, but that she had not actually done the shooting herself. He believed that a man had been put up to it by this woman.

Inspector McCafferty called on District Attorney Whitman about this case yesterday. They discussed the arrest that was made yesterday, and Mr. Whitman told the inspector that his office was ready to do everything to cooperate with the police.

9:25 P. M. DAILY.—MEMBERS SPECIAL! via Southern Railway for Memphis and the West. Pullman dining room, sleeping observation cars. Dining cars. N. Y. Office, 1260 Broadway. Ad.

UNDER THE SEA TO THE POLE.

Dr. Kemp of Germany Building a Submarine to Rival Capt. Nemo.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—The old idea of reaching the north pole by submarine, as was so graphically set forth in Jules Verne's story of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," has been revived by the announcement that Dr. Anschütz Kemp, the well known inventor, has resolved to make the attempt.

It is said that he has been working for a decade upon the project and that he will build a submarine of his own design. It will be capable, it is asserted, of remaining under water at a great depth for a long period.

Dr. Kemp has also invented and patented in all civilized countries the different apparatus by means of which he hopes to take his soundings and bearings when deeply submerged.

WOULD SELL THEIR BLOOD.

Forty Men Answer an Advertisement at a Brooklyn Hospital.

Forty men presented themselves at the Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn yesterday in answer to an advertisement and offered to share their blood with Jerre Delcorte of 77 Sixteenth street for a consideration. Only one of the men, Emilius Mortul, was found satisfactory and accepted. He is a bricklayer out of a job, is 18 years old and lives at Maspeth, L. I.

Delcorte shot himself in the knee accidentally on Saturday. Blood poisoning set in and it was found necessary to amputate the leg. His vitality was very low because of loss of blood and Delcorte's brother Frank gave him a pint of his blood. The surgeons are still looking for two or three more husky men in perfect health.

SAVES MEATS HAVE DECLINED.

An Armour Manager Says Tendency Has Been Downward for Six Months.

OMAHA, Jan. 24.—Prices of fresh meat instead of advancing have been steadily decreasing for the last six months, according to an interview here to-day with H. E. Finney, general manager of Armour & Co. Mr. Finney says:

"For the first three weeks in January, 1909, the average price per 100 pounds of beef steaks from our South Omaha packing plant was \$7.34, for the first three weeks in July, 1909, the average price was \$7.72 and for the first three weeks of the present January the average price for the same amount is \$7.16. These figures ought to speak for themselves, as they show that instead of advancing the prices have declined downward in the last six or seven months."

CELTIC SAW A SEA BURIAL.

Derelict the Passengers Were Watching Vanished as They Looked.

The White Star steamship Celtic, from Liverpool, reached here yesterday many hours late on account of southwesterly gales and heavy seas. It was still blowing hard when the Celtic neared Sandy Hook, and her captain reports passing a three masted schooner which was making very heavy weather of it. The Celtic signalled, asking if assistance was needed. The schooner answered that she could take care of herself. Some distance outside the Hook the Celtic sighted a barge without a sign of life on board, pitching about. As the passengers and crew watched her she dropped into the hollow of a wave and did not reappear.

Pursuer G. H. Brewer of the Celtic has charge of a gold medal sent to Capt. J. B. Kelk, commander of the Celtic, by King Victor Emmanuel in recognition of the captain's services in the earthquake days at Messina. Capt. Kelk is due in Boston to-day.

NEW CHARTER FOR THIS CITY

Legislative Committee Decides That It Has No Power to Submit One.

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—The legislative committee which has been examining the Ives New York City charter has decided that it has no power to submit a new charter. The chairman of the committee is ex-Assemblyman Frederick W. Hammond of Syracuse, and he has about completed a report which will be submitted to the Legislature soon, embracing general suggestions and ideas as to what an ideal charter should provide and otherwise outlining legislation which will be acceptable to an administration of New York City affairs such as it is now having.

The committee leaves it to the Assembly whether it wants the committee to draft a charter along the lines recommended in its report.

CREW OF 7 PROBABLY LOST.

Cutter Gresham Finds the Schooner Henry B. Fiske, Bottom Up.

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—The revenue cutter Gresham picked up the capsized and dismantled hulk of the four masted schooner Henry B. Fiske about twenty-five miles southeast of Nantucket this morning and is endeavoring to tow her into Nantucket Sound.

The Fiske sailed from this port on January 18 for Jacksonville, carrying no cargo. She was commanded by Capt. Moody and had a crew of seven men. It is believed that all hands were lost and that the vessel was dismasted and capsized in one of the gales of Thursday or Friday.

The Gresham reported by wireless that the schooner was bottomed up, the three of her masts had been broken off close to the deck and that a mass of spars was trailing alongside the hull, fastened to it by the rigging. The Fiske was 187 feet long and was built at Belfast, Me., in 1891.

John Bigelow Swears Off Taxes Here. John Bigelow, now past 90, called at the Tag Office yesterday and swore off the \$25,000 tentative personal tax which had been assessed upon him. Mr. Bigelow stated that he was a resident of Highland Falls, N. Y., and had lived and voted there for at least sixty years.